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STATE FOR PM/DTCC-BLUE LANTERN COORDINATOR

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SUBJECT: SEOUL RESPONSE: BLUE LANTERN LEVEL 3 LICENSE
05-050031252

REF: A) STATE 20251

¶1. Per reftel, post contacted the Defense Acquisition Program Administration (DAPA) and the Republic of Korea Air Force (ROKAF) by email, phone and fax.

¶2. Following several communications in March, DAPA Helicopter Project Team Major Nam Ki-jin confirmed that the 6th Group of the Materials Management Office of the Maintenance Squadron at ROKAF ordered the items listed in license 05-050031252. Major Nam reported that the power supplies are used in multifunctional radar systems in the HH 60 helicopter (not HJ 60 as referenced in the incoming cable) that use the Vicor power supplies.

¶3. Major NAM also reported that it has no direct dealings with UR Holding or Galileo Avionica. DAPA only has direct contact with Il Gwang Gong Young Corporation, the exclusive local agent in Korea for Elbit (Israeli company), both are DAPA registered. DAPA has done business with Il Gwang Gong Young for more than 25 years. Mr. Choi Joong-Shik, Executive Director of Il Gwang Gong Young, informed Post that it is well aware of USML export or re-export restrictions.

¶4. Mr. Ehud Wiener of Elbit Corporation confirmed to Mr. Choi of Il Gwang Gong Young that three out of the five power supply sets were delivered to DAPA in September 2007 and early March 2008. Elbit technicians are assembling the radar for the ROKAF HH 60 helicopter at the Korea Aerospace Industries (KAI) factory. The process should be completed by the end of 2008. DAPA informed Post that KAI has no role in this transaction except for providing space to assemble the radar systems. The remaining parts are slated for delivery to DAPA in late March and later in 2008.

¶5. Based on Post's investigation the transaction chain is as follows:

(1) Vicor Corporation (US Manufacturer)
=> (2) UR Holding (Foreign Intermediate Consignee for Galileo Avionica)
=> (3) Galileo Avionica (Foreign Consignee)
=> (4) Elbit (Assembles radar systems for the ROKAF HH60 helicopter)
=> (5) Korea Aerospace Industries (Provides space for Elbit technicians to assemble the radar systems in the HH 60 helicopter.)
=> (6) Il Gwang Gong Young Corporation (Deals directly with DAPA on behalf of Elbit.)
=> (7) Helicopter Project Team at DAPA (Involved in the procurement of the parts for the ROKAF HH60 helicopter.)
=> (8) 6th Group of Materials Management Office/Maintenance Squadron/ROKAF (End-user)

¶6. Post also discovered that the foreign end-user contact

information incorrectly cites the Government of South Korea, Air Force, Section of Global Security Organization, Cheongwon County Road, 121-885 Seoul, South Korea provided in State 00020251. The correct foreign end-user contact information is:

6th Group/Materials Management Office/Maintenance Squadron/ROKAF
Wontong-ri, Naesu-eup, Cheongwon County,
North Cheongchung Province,
Republic of Korea

¶7. Post appreciates the assistance provided by Milan and DTCC concerning this case.

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